

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 620

By Durham

A RESOLUTION recognizing Lampley Farm, a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Lampley family of Williamson County certainly ranks among those estimable Tennessee farming families; Lampley Farm, owned and operated by the family since 1886, has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm in recognition of its long and storied history; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms Program recognizes those families who have owned and farmed the same land for over a century, and also documents and interprets the State's history and culture of farming; and

WHEREAS, in 1886, U.Z. Lampley purchased 162 acres of land in western Williamson County and founded the Lampley Farm. On it, he and his wife, Molly, along with their seven children, raised sheep, beef cattle, ducks, and chickens and, using the surplus vegetables from their garden, the family truck farmed; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, following the deaths of U.Z. and Molly Lampley, their son, Earl D. Lampley, Sr., purchased 131 acres of the original farm, on which he, his wife Ruby, and their five children lived and worked; and

WHEREAS, after Earl and Ruby Lampley passed on, their children divided the farm into five-acre tracts, and Earl D. Lampley, Jr., purchased three of those tracts, including the land on which the original homestead sat; and

WHEREAS, Earl Lampley, Jr., continues to farm those fifteen acres, raising hay, and maintains many of the family's historical documents related to the farm, including certificates of registry from the Holstein-Friesian Association of America from 1924 and the National Poland-Chins Record Company from 1916; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like the members of the Lampley family, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Earl D. Lampley, Jr., and the entire Lampley family, whose Lampley Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend them for their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.